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1. BIO SKETCHES AS REQUESTED PARA 8 REFTEL FOR DEPSEC
RUSH AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY SISCO FOLLOW.

2. JOSEPH J. SISCO: JOSEPH JOHN SISCO, OF MARYLAND,
BECAME ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NEAR EASTERN AND
SOUTH ASIAN AFFAIRS IN FEBRUARY, 1969. PREVIOUSLY MR.
SISCO WAS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS. IN BOTH CAPACITIES HE HAS DEALT
EXTENSIVELY WITH THE PROBLEMS OF THE NEAR EAST AND SOUTH
ASIA.

MR. SISCO WAS BORN IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS ON OCTOBER 31,
1919. HE GRADUATED FROM KNOX COLLEGE IN 1941 (MAGNA CUM
LAUDE, PHI BETA KAPPA), AND THEREAFTER SERVED AS AN
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INFANTRY OFFICER WITH THE U. S. ARMY. AT THE END OF WORLD WAR II HE RESUMED HIS STUDIES, RECEIVING THE M. A. AND PH. D. DEGREES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, SPECIALIZING IN THE AREA OF SOVIET AFFAIRS.

MR. SISCO JOINED THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN 1951 AND THE FOREIGN SERVICE IN 1956. HE HAS WORKED AS A POLITICAL ADVISER ON SUCCESSIVE UNITED STATES DELEGATIONS TO THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY SINCE 1951. IN 1967 HE SERVED AS U. S. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEALING WITH THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS. HE HAS ALSO ON OCCASION BEEN THE U. S. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL.

IN 1960 HE RECEIVED THE DEPARTMENT'S SUPERIOR SERVICE AWARD AND IN 1966 HE WAS NAMED BY THE NATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE LEAGUE AS ONE OF THE TEN OUTSTANDING CAREER OFFICERS IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE. HE WAS ONE OF THE SIX FEDERAL CAREER OFFICERS NAMED AS WINNERS OF THE ROCKEFELLER PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDS FOR 1971. MR. SISCO'S AWARD WAS IN THE FIELD OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS. MR. SISCO WAS PROMOTED TO CAREER MINISTER IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE IN 1968.

MR. SISCO IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER JEAN CHURCHILL HEAD AND THEY HAVE TWO DAUGHTERS, CAROL AND JANE.

3. KENNETH RUSH: KENNETH RUSH, OF RYE, NEW YORK, WAS SWORN IN AS DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE ON FEBRUARY 2, 1973. HE WAS U. S. AMBASSADOR TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY FROM JULY 1969 UNTIL HE BECAME DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE IN FEBRUARY 1972. WHILE AMBASSADOR, HE WAS THE AMERICAN NEGOTIATOR OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT ON BERLIN. MR. RUSH REMAINED AS DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE UNTIL BECOMING DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE.

MR. RUSH WAS BORN ON JANUARY 17, 1910. HE RECEIVED HIS A. B. DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE IN 1930 AND A J. D. DEGREE FROM YALE UNIVERSITY IN 1932. FROM 1932 TO 1936 MR. RUSH WAS AN ASSOCIATE WITH THE LAW FIRM OF CHADBOURNE, STANCHFIELD AND LEVY, AND DURING 1936-37 HE WAS AN ASSISTANT PROFESSOR AT DUKE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL.
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MR. RUSH JOINED UNION CARBIDE CORPORATION IN 1937 AND SUCCESSIVELY BECAME VICE PRESIDENT, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT. HE WAS PRESIDENT FROM 1966 UNTIL 1969 WHEN HE RESIGNED TO BECOME AMBASSADOR TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. IN ADDITION TO BEING A DIRECTOR OF UNION CARBIDE CORPORATION, MR. RUSH WAS ALSO A DIRECTOR OF BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, AMERICAN SUGAR COMPANY, AND BANKERS TRUST NEW YORK CORPORATION. HE HAS ALSO SERVED ON THE BOARDS OF VARIOUS EDUCATIONAL, CIVIC, AND ELEMOSYNARY INSTITUTIONS. ROGERS

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